

The Old Davis Mill  
Davis Mill Road, Cumberland County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mr. Arthur M. Davis

Date of Erection: 1792

Architect:

Builder: Richard Seeley

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick except  
south side which is cedar  
siding

Interior walls - brick

Roof - pitch, shingles

Historical Data:

The plaque on the gable of the west elevation bears the date 1798. The frame portion added to the west elevation is of later date. The mill was in constant use from 1798 to the summer of 1934 when floods carried away the dam and spillway.

The old mill was operated by water power furnished from a pond about 120 feet distant. The power was transmitted through a Leffel turbine which

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developed thirty-two horsepower and was capable of operating the grist mill and saw mill at the same time.

The mill is completely equipped for making processed flour and for grinding grain. Some of the original wood shafting and pulleys are still there after one hundred and thirty-seven years.

Bibliography:

Field Books and information from  
the owner

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